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FOR SHINN FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. THINK WE HAD BETTER CONFIRM DATES FOR GUEST QTRS
FOR AMBASSADOR AND MRS. TOON. WE REQUESTED AUG. 31 -
SEPT. 1, SEPT. 17-20 AND SEPTEMBER 28 - OCT. 4. STATE
189237 CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS FOR AUG. 31 - SEPT. 1,
SEPT. 18 (INSTEAD OF 17 AS REQUESTED) AND SEPT. 28 -
OCT. 4.

2. RE THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE COMMITMENT (STATE 204303),
AMBASSADOR AGREES TO LESS CLASSIFIED, OFF-THE-RECORD
TALK AND THEREFORE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO PRESENCE
OF FOREIGN STUDENTS. AS TO OTHER ACTIVITIES, AMBASSADOR
WOULD VALUE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT NUCLEAR VESSEL AT NEW
LONDON IF THIS CAN BE ARRANGED ENROUTE NEWPORT-NEW HAVEN
ON 28TH. IN NEWPORT, TENNIS, GOLF OR FISHING WOULD
BE FINE AND AMBASSADOR ACCEPTS NAT DAVIS' KIND OFFER
OF HOSPITALITY.

3. AMBASSADOR ASSUMES THAT PHILADELPHIA ENGAGEMENT
IS LUNCH AND SPEECH WHICH WOULD PERMIT HIM TO DEPART
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FOR NEWPORT MID-AFTERNOON 26TH.

4. CLIFF GROSS IS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS ONGOING ASSIGN-
MENT. WITH HIS TOUR HERE ENDING IN ABOUT A MONTH AND
A HALF, HE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FORMAL NOTIFICA-
TION OF DESIGNATION TO THE BEX JOB TO WHICH NOBLE
MELENCAMP INFORMALLY NOTIFIED HIM HE WOULD BE ASSIGNED

(OVERCOMPLEMENT UNTIL SUMMER '79 AND DIRECTOR FOR A YEAR THEREAFTER). AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, HE IS ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE A WASHINGTON ASSIGNMENT AND BEX APPEARS TO BE THE BEST PROSPECT AVAILABLE.

5. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER IT WILL BE FEASIBLE TO SEND HIM AND WIFE ON TDY ABOUT SEPT. 20 IN ORDER TO VACATE THEIR APARTMENT FOR THE HUTSON FAMILY, WHOSE ETA MOSCOW IS SEPT. 12 (GROSS CANNOT TRANSFER FROM POST UNTIL OCTOBER 2, WHICH COMPLETES HIS EIGHTEENTH MONTH FOLLOWING RETURN FROM HL). SINCE CLIFF MUST TIE DOWN TRAVEL PLANS VERY SOON, HE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING, THIS WEEK IF POSSIBLE, WHEN HE SHOULD COUNT ON LEAVING THE POST.

6. FOR LEN WILLEMS FROM CLIFF GROSS RE STATE 204303,
PARA 2: I WILL GO ONE YEAR BETTER - MY BEST WISHES
AND THANKS FOR YOUR HELP OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS.
WE'RE CERTAIN THAT WE'LL MEET AGAIN AND LOOK FORWARD TO IT. TOON

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